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**Addendum**

## Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

*Agenda item 4 (a)*

### Section 11
### United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 13th meeting, on 18 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 11 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

### Discussion

3. Full support was expressed for the activities to be carried out under section 11 with the new mandate, as set out in General Assembly resolutions 57/2, 57/7 and 57/300. It was noted with appreciation that under subprogramme 2, the role of the regional, subregional and national institutions and structures had been recognized.

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4. It was noted that the priority of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa should be to facilitate the implementation of the commitments made towards development.

5. The view was expressed that the external factor (b) under subprogramme 1 should be deleted since resolution 57/7 calls on the United Nations system to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

6. It was emphasized that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa should be adequately funded, as requested in resolution 57/300, paragraph 26.

7. It was mentioned that the media outlets for dissemination of information on Africa should not be restricted to those in Europe, North America and Africa. The cooperation of media outlets in other parts of the world should also be sought.

8. There was a general view on the need for coordination, collaboration and coherence in support of the implementation of NEPAD.

## Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

**Paragraph 11.16**

**Replace the text of external factor (b) with the following text: "the agencies of the United Nations system collaborate and coordinate their activities in a coherent and effective manner".**

**Delete the word "and" before (d) and add a new external factor (e): "all stakeholders implement their financial pledges and other commitments to support NEPAD".**

**Table 11.10**

**Under expected accomplishment (a), insert "academic institutions," before "the media".**

10. **The Committee reiterated that the United Nations system should continue to support NEPAD strongly at the national, regional and global levels, including through the newly established Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, mandated in General Assembly resolution 57/300, in order to impact positively on the implementation of NEPAD.**

11. **The Committee also emphasized that the three subprogrammes submitted should enhance the coordination of constructive partnerships in a holistic and integrated socio-economic initiative for the development of Africa.**